GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF PISCICULTURE IN J K AND W.B.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have implemented any scheme for development of pisciculture in Jammu & Kashmir and West Bengal;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) the funds released for the purpose during the last two years; and

(d) the details of developmental works undertaken in those States, district-wise, separately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Freshwater Aquaculture is beingimplemented in all the States including Jammu & Kashmir and West Bengal through FishFarmers Development Agencies (FFDAs). All the districts of Jammu & Kashmir are covered under two FFDAs in operation at regional level while in case of West Bengal all the districtare covered through 18 FFDAs in operation at district level. Another Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Integrated Coastal Aquaculture is also being implemented in all the coastal States including West Bengal where 3 Brackishwater Fish Farmers DevelopmentAgencies (BFDAs) are in operation. Agencies under both the schemes provide a package of technical, financial and extension support to the fish farmers. Financial assistance is given to the beneficiaries through the States for a number of developmental activities under the above schemes. A pilot scheme on Development of Fisheries and Acquacuiture in Hill Regions with 100% Central assistance was sanctioned to the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the year 2001-02.

(c) During the last two years, the State Governments of Jammu & Kashmir and West Bengalwere provided Rs. 1.12 crores and Rs. 8.08 crores respectively as Central share under the above schemes.

(d) As per details given in the statements-I and enclosed.